

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

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A track pitch and a minimum mark length (minimum pit ~~pitch~~ length) in a system lead-in area are made more coarse (FIG. 90).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 246, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

According to the present embodiment, in any of track pitch, minimum mark length (minimum pit ~~pitch~~ length), maximum mark length (maximum pit ~~pitch~~ length), and channel bit length, a value in the system lead-in area is twice as large as any of a data lead-in area, a data area, and a data lead-out area.